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STANFORD, April 25 -- A community meeting of 800 students and faculty demanded this afternoon that the Stanford Board of Trustees hold an open meeting on campus April 30(Wednesday).

Board chairman W. Parmer Fuller III announced Thursday that five trustees would hear testimony on SRI from selected students and faculty in a closed hearing room on April 30.

Today, the April 3rd Movement meeting voted overwhelmingly to demand that the doors of the meeting room be open to all those who wish to listen or speak. The Movement also insisted that all 23 trustees attend.

The Movement voted to circulate petitions among faculty and students in support of the demand for an open meeting.

One speaker at the meeting today added a humorous note to the Movement's serious demand. "Any time we can get the trustees out in the open," he said, "there's a 90 per cent chance they'll make fools of themselves."

The April 3rd Movement sponsored the recent sit-in at the Applied Electronics Laboratory on campus, which was endorsed by a 3073-203 vote of the student body April 18. The student body also voted, 1633-1468, to sit-in again if the trustees do not "positively respond to the desire of the Stanford community regarding research at Stanford and SRI."

The April 3rd Movement further demanded today a "positive response" from the faculty senate on the issue of war-related research, particularly at SRI. The faculty banned classified research on campus Thursday, but the Movement has asked for more far-reaching action. The faculty senate has scheduled a meeting Tuesday, April 29, to continue its deliberations on the SRI question.

The April 3rd Movement scheduled another community meeting for Wednesday, April 30 at noon in the Old Union courtyard at Stanford. The Movement will then decide future action on the trustees' visit that afternoon.

President Kenneth Pitzer has warned that the trustees' hearing "will not proceed" unless "order and decorum will be maintained throughout the hearing." At the meeting today, the Movement made no decision that it would disrupt the hearing in any way, even if the trustees do not meet the demand for an open meeting.

The Movement also voted today to endorse the May Day demonstration to free Huey Newton, set for San Francisco's Federal building. The Movement made plans to send a large number of its members to the 10 a.m. rally.

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